

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT NAME:Veterans Memorial Park ProjectPROJECT NO:CUP 2021-0014, CDP 2021-0052, HDP 2021-0003, HMP 2021-0006 (PUB 2019-0012)PROJECT LOCATION:Approximately 350 feet east of the intersection of Cannon Road and Faraday
Avenue, 1.4 miles east of the Interstate (I) 5/Cannon Road interchange, 0.5 mile
southeast of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon, and located southeast of the
intersection of Faraday Avenue and Whitman Way

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project consists of the development of a public park on 38.82 acres of a 93.70 acre parcel (the Project site), which would include a Veterans memorial plaza/gathering area, playgrounds, a bike park, formal picnic areas, passive recreation areas, outdoor exercise area, an outdoor education area, open turf, and multi-use trails. Site Plans for the Project and Bike Park are provided as Exhibits 3 and 4, respectively. More information on the park uses and amenities proposed in each area of the park is provided below.

PROPOSED DETERMINATION: The City of Carlsbad has conducted an environmental review of the above described project pursuant to the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Environmental Protection Ordinance of the City of Carlsbad. As a result of said review, the Initial study identified potentially significant effects on the environment, but (1) revisions in the project plans or proposals made by, or agreed to by, the applicant before the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effect on the environment would occur, and (2) there is no substantial evidence in light of the whole record before the City that the project "as revised" may have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, a **Mitigated Negative Declaration** will be recommended for adoption by the City of Carlsbad Planning Commission.

AVAILABILITY: A copy of the Initial Study documenting reasons to support the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is on file in the Planning Division, 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, California 92008 and is available online at: <u>https://www.carlsbadca.gov/departments/community-development/agendas-minutes-notices-18045</u>.

COMMENTS: Comments from the public are invited. Pursuant to Section 15204 of the CEQA Guidelines, in reviewing Mitigated Negative Declarations, persons and public agencies should focus on the proposed finding that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. If persons and public agencies believe that the project may have a significant effect, they should: (1) identify the specific effect; (2) explain why they believe the effect would occur; and (3) explain why they believe the effect would be significant. Written comments regarding the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration should be directed to Eric Lardy at the address listed below or via email to planning@carlsbadca.gov. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

The proposed project and Mitigated Negative Declaration are subject to review and approval/adoption by the Planning Commission. Additional public notices will be issued when those public hearings are scheduled. If you have any questions, please call Eric Lardy in the Planning Division at (442) 339-2600.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD	March 11, 2021 to April 11, 2021
PUBLISH DATE	March 11, 2021

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